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SUBJ: FEBRUARY 4 DIET QUESTIONS ON CIA

1. FEBRUARY 4 EXCHANGE IN LOWER HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE BETWEEN JCP MEMBER ZENMEI MATSUMOTO AND PRIMIN MIKI ON CIA APPEARED IN THIS MORNING'S (FEBRUARY 5) ASAHI, NIHON KEIZAI AND AKAHATA. IN A PAGE FOUR NIHON KEIZAI SUMMARY OF INTERPELLATIONS, MATSUMOTO IS QUOTED AS ASKING WHETHER MIKI COULD SUPPORT AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY WHICH INVOLVED SUCH THINGS AS ASSASSINATION PLOTS. MIKI RESPONDED THAT, AS A CONCLUSION REGARDING THE FACTS OF SUCH MATTERS HAD NOT BEEN REACHED, HE WISHED TO AVOID COMMENT. ASAHI MENTIONED EXCHANGE IN PAGE TWO GENERAL COMMENTARY ON INTERPELLATIONS, NOTING THAT IT WAS PART OF JCP EFFORT TO ATTACK JSDF "SUBORDINATION" TO "UNCLEAN" US.

2. PAGE FOUR OF AFAHATA HAD FOLLOWING MORE COMPLETE VERSION OF EXCHANGE IN ITS SUMMARY OF DIET INTERPELLATIONS.

MATSUMOTO: YOUR FOLLOWING IN THE WAKE OF THE US I CLEAR. AMERICA, EVEN IN PEACETIME, IS FOLLOWING A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POLICY OF INTERFERENCE. THE CIA'S PARTICIPATION IN PLANS

TO ASSASSINATE CASTRO, THE CHILEAN COUP D'ETAT AND
FINANCIAL AID TO SUPPORT A RIGHTWING ITALIAN COUP
D'ETAT HAVE BEEN EXPOSED. CAN YOU
SUPPORT SUCH AN AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY?

MIKI: AS NO CONCLUSION HAS BEEN REACHED ON THE
CIA PROBLEM, THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WISHES TO REFRAIN
FROM COMMENT.

MATSUMOTO: WHY CAN'T YOU COMMENT NOW THAT THIS HAS
BECOME A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM?

MIKI: NO ONE BELIEVES THAT PLOTTING COUP D'ETAT OR
ASSASSINATIONS IS A GOOD THING, BUT NO CONCLUSION HAS
BEEN REACHED.

MATSUMOTO: IN THE SAME WAY AS NIXON CALLED CIA
ASSISTANCE IMPORTANT, SUCH THINGS (SIC) ARE BEING DONE
AS NATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE US.

MIKI: I CANNOT DEFEND SUCH THINGS AS ASSASSINATION
PLANS.

3. AKAHATA DID NOT COMMENT. QUESTIONS ON CIA WERE NOT
CARRIED IN FEBRUARY 4 OR 5 NHK TV NEWS BROADCASTS.
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